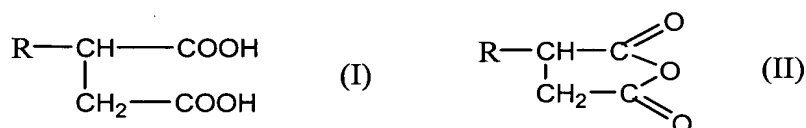


IN THE CLAIMS

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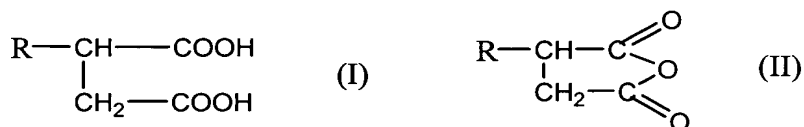
Claims 1-5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A method of promoting acid-neutralization in a cylinder oil for engines of ships, wherein the cylinder oil comprises a lube base oil, and (a) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of overbased sulfonates, phenates and salicylates of alkaline earth metals; the component (a) is present in an amount of from 10 to 40% by weight, based on the total weight of the cylinder oil; and wherein sulfur in said cylinder oil forms SO_x in exhaust gas from said engines, which SO_x reacts with water in said exhaust gas to form sulfuric acid, said method comprising adding to the cylinder oil, (b) an acid-neutralizing promoter in an amount of from 0.1 to 3% by weight, based on the total weight of the cylinder oil, which promoter comprises a succinimide component obtainable by reacting at least one polyamine selected from the group consisting of diethylene triamine, ethylene diamine, and a combination of diethylene triamine and triethylene tetramine, the polyamine having a resulting carbon/nitrogen weight ratio of from 0.85 to 1.25 with a succinic acid compound of the following general formula (I) or (II) in a molar ratio to the polyamine of ~~up~~ from 0.95 to 1.40:



wherein R represents an alkenyl or alkyl group derived from an olefinic polymer having a carbon number of from 2 to 15 and having a number-average molecular weight of from 700 to 2,300, and wherein the cylinder oil has a total base number of from 40 to 100 mg-KOH/g.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method comprising lubricating a ship engine with a cylinder oil, wherein the cylinder oil comprises a lube base oil, (a) at least one compound selected from the group consisting of overbased sulfonates, phenates and salicylates of alkaline earth metals, and (b) an acid-neutralizing promoter, and which cylinder oil has a total base number of from 40 to 100 mg-KOH/g; the component (a) is present in an amount of from 10 to 40% by weight and the component (b) is present in an amount of from 0.1 to 3% by weight, based on the total weight of the cylinder oil, wherein the acid-neutralizing promoter comprises a succinimide component obtainable by reacting a at least one polyamine selected from the group consisting of diethylene triamine, ethylene diamine, and a combination of diethylene triamine and triethylene tetramine, the polyamine having a resulting carbon/nitrogen weight ratio of from 0.85 to 1.25 with a succinic acid compound of the following general formula (I) or (II) in a molar ratio to the polyamine of ~~up~~ from 0.95 to 1.40:



wherein R represents an alkenyl or alkyl group derived from an olefinic polymer having a carbon number of from 2 to 15 and having a number-average molecular weight of from 700 to 2,300.

Claims 8-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein the polyamine is diethylene triamine.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein the polyamine is a combination of 50 mol% of diethylene triamine and 50 mol% of triethylene tetramine.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein the polyamine is ethylene diamine.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 7, wherein the polyamine is diethylene triamine.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 7, wherein the polyamine is a combination of 50 mol% of diethylene triamine and 50 mol% of triethylene tetramine.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 7, wherein the polyamine is ethylene diamine.

Claim 16 (New): The method of Claim 6, wherein the molar ratio to the polyamine is about 1.

Claim 17 (New): The method of Claim 7, wherein the molar ratio to the polyamine is about 1.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claims 6 and 7 have each been amended by limiting the polyamine to a Markush group of polyamines supported by Examples 1-4, and by inserting a lower limit for the ratio of succinic acid compound to polyamine of --0.95--, as supported in the specification at page 6, penultimate line.

New Claims 16 and 17 have been added, as supported in the specification by Examples 1-4.

No new matter has been added by the above amendment. With entry thereof, Claims 6, 7, and 10-17 will be pending in the application.